Check the following websites for information on SHSP and highway safety.

Nebraska's 2007-2011 Strategic Highway Safety Plan: www.dor.state.ne.us/highway-safety/docs/ strat-hwy-sfty-plan.pdf

Commercial Motor Vehicle Crash Statistics: ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/CrashProfile/CrashProfileMainNew.asp

Federal Highway Administration: www.fhwa.dot.gov

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: www.fmcsa.dot.gov/

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles: www.dmv.state.ne.us

Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles/ Nebraska Office of Highway Safety: www.dmv.state.ne.us/highwaysafety

Nebraska Department of Roads/Highway Safety: www.dor.state.ne.us/highway-safety

Nebraska Department of Roads/Highway Safety Improvement Program Flex Fund Grants: http://www.dor.state.ne.us/traffeng/hsip/

Nebraska Health & Human Services: www.hhss.ne.gov/whatnew.htm www.hhss.ne.gov/codes/

Nebraska State Patrol: www.nsp.state.ne.us

Safe Routes to School: www.SafeRoutesNE.com















The Strategic Highway Safety Plan... A blueprint to save lives on Nebraska roads.

There are grim reminders of the high price too many travelers pay to drive our roadways. Hardly a day goes by a family, a community, our state does not grieve for a loved and valued individual killed or injured in a motor vehicle crash on Nebraska's roadways.

With the introduction of safety belts in the 1970's, the number of traffic-related fatalities in Nebraska and across the nation took a downward trend. In the 1990's, despite safer vehicles, better designed and built roads, and dedicated safety advocate groups, the number of fatalities has leveled off and remained level for the last two decades.

In 2006, 269 people died on Nebraska roadways. That translates into 9,847 years of life lost. This loss of potential is especially tragic since 63% or almost two-thirds of those years belonged to people under 25 years of age.

As a state, how do we band together to bring these numbers down?



The current federal transportation act, called SAFETEA-LU, requires every state to develop and implement a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Nebraska's current SHSP has set the aggressive goal of reducing Nebraska's traffic fatality rate from 1.6 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles (MVM) in 2003 to 1.0 fatalities per 100 MVM by 2011.

This goal would save 80 lives per year by 2011.

The Nebraska SHSP identifies new safety strategies and will join safety advocates and experts together in a collaborative effort to reduce fatalities and life-altering injuries on Nebraska's roadways.

The plan focuses on five Critical Emphasis Areas having the greatest potential to reduce trafficrelated fatalities and injuries. These areas affect every Nebraska community.

- Safety Belt Usage
- Run-Off-Road Crashes
- Impaired Driving
- Intersections
- Younger Drivers

The SHSP contains 20 strategies that are cost effective, able to be implemented within a five-year time frame, and have the greatest potential to significantly reduce highway fatalities.

What's your plan?

Don't wait for tragedy to provide the motivation. It takes only one concerned individual to start a collaborative effort to address safety concerns in your community.

Be that person or join that effort to develop a community safety plan.

- Identify emphasis areas affecting your community.
- Gather a diverse collaboration of people/groups to address the issue(s).
- Take advantage of state/local agencies and safety advocate groups willing to give resources and direction.
- Investigate funding available through the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, Nebraska Department of Roads, and other organizations for qualifying projects including highway safety, enforcement, education, public awareness campaigns and community safety.

The people we potentially save have familiar names and faces - family members, neighbors, high school students and many others. It is important for every community to get involved.

Find out more about the SHSP and how you and your community can get involved by visiting the websites listed on the back of this brochure.

With your help, more Nebraska travelers will be celebrating life in 2011.